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SUBJECT: INFORMATION FOR MTC ON WEST AFRICAN PIRACY INCIDENTS

1. MISSION IS REQUESTED TO PASS THE FOLLOWING DATA
(REPORTED IN ACCRA A-32) TO THE OECD SECRETARIAT (MARITIME
TRANSPORT COMMITTEE(MTC)) FOR ITS INFORMATION ON THE
PIRACY/PORT SECURITY SITUATION IN WEST AFRICA.

2. ARMED ATTACKS ON FOREIGN MERCHANT AND FISHING VESSELS
IN TEMA HARBOR NEAR ACCRA, GHANA HAVE OCCURRED WITH
INCREASED FREQUENCY IN RECENT MONTHS. BRIGANDS TYPICALLY
APPROACH VESSELS IN THE OUTER HARBOR IN SWIFT MOTORIZED
CANOES BETWEEN 0100 AND 0500, IN SEARCH OF CREWS' PERSONAL
GEAR.

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3. AT LEAST FOUR INCIDENTS HAVE BEEN REPORTED, INVOLVING
ARMED ROBBERIES OF A TUNA BOAT AND SEVERAL MERCHANTMEN
OF VARIOUS REGISTRIES. ONE SEAMAN SUFFERED A GUNSHOT
WOUND AS A RESULT OF THESE ATTACKS. VANCE

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